

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1.(Currently Amended) A method of cleaning up lead-contaminated soil, ~~characterized by~~ comprising growing ~~[[a]]~~ at least one plant of a plant species which is rich in oxalic acid in soil contaminated with lead and/or a lead compound ~~thereof~~ by sowing a seed or transplanting a seedling, and after allowing the plant ~~species~~ rich in oxalic acid to absorb and accumulate lead and/or the lead compound, harvesting and removing the plant.

2.(Currently Amended) The method of cleaning up lead-contaminated soil according to claim 1, wherein ~~as the~~ said at least one plant ~~rich in oxalic acid, any of plants belonging to~~ comprises at least one plant of the family Polygonaceae, Oxalidaceae, Chenopodiaceae, Araceae, Begoniaceae ~~[[and]]~~ and/or Musaceae or a combination thereof is used families.